

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, January 24, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wender at 6:30 P.M.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.
3. Roll call was taken by County Clerk Dolly Cook and a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman Wender, Voce Chairman Smith and Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Martin and Stevens. (5)

Absent: (0)

Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Stephanie Brule, Sheriff Scott Celello, Equalization Director Larry Swartout and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the agenda with the following addition:

7.L.1 Public Safety and Judiciary

1. Authorize the Sheriff to attend the Rural Executive Management Institute in Tulsa, OK from February 14- 17, with all costs to be paid by the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement, which is funded through the US Dept. Of Justice.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes as written:

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All ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

A. Presentation by Eric Fankhauser, Delta Airlines Station Manager at Ford Airport
Mr. Fankhauser addressed the Board. He stated there is a 30% increase in boardings. He stated they keep adding daily. He stated their goal for 2011 is 10,000. Commissioner Wender asked about the future plans of the airlines? Fankhauser stated they will give the same quality service, minimize their cancellations and better pricing. He stated they are hopeful to have a bigger jet in the future. He stated they will be a quality airline. He stated they were ranked 12 or 13 out of 88 airlines.

B. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

C. Resolutions and Legislation - Commissioner Degenauer, Jr. - None

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. **Finance Committee** - Finance Chairman John Degenauer, Jr.

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commission Stevens to release the following appropriation for 2011:

Civil Air Patrol	\$500.00
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Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.,	Aye	
Martin	Aye	
Smith	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Controller to solicit quotes for a Digital Recording System for Circuit and District Courts and a public address system to be used in Circuit Court. (This is a budgeted item) All Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the Treasurer's Trial Balance and Budget Status Reports for the period ending 12/31/2010. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the Treasurer's 2010 Interest on Investment and Taxes Report. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer JR., supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2011 Borrowing Resolution as requested by the County Treasurer in her memo of January 20, 2011. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens asked to talk about this when the Board meets with Representative McBroom next on February 5, 2011. He stated this bond council is costing \$18,000 and that is disgusting and the taxpayers have to pay for it. Commissioner Smith agreed with Commissioner Stevens about the Bond Council. He stated the delinquent taxes are going up very fast. He stated there are 90 tax bills, at this point, that are being turned over to the State versus 15 at this time last year. He felt by borrowing this money we are digging a bigger hole. He further stated one property alone owes \$54,000. He stated we should talk to our auditors about this problem. Commissioner Stevens asked about the \$1,000,039.00 that will be due in April of 2012? Pascoe stated the Treasurer expects us to have the money to pay this off when it comes due.

6. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney to attend Mid-Winter Conference of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, PACC Training on February 16th at Grand Traverse Resort. The only cost to the County will be mileage to Traverse City. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the possible purchase of goods and services from Smith Steel and acknowledge that the Board is cognizant that Commissioner Smith is the owner of Smith Steel. Degenauer Jr., Martin, Stevens, Wender Ayes, Smith Abstained. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated there are times when the County buys supplies from Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Stevens.

8. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported Commissioner Smith to authorize the possible purchase of goods and services from Stevens Decorating and acknowledge that the Board is cognizant that Commissioner Stevens is the owner of Stevens Decorating. Degenauer Jr., Martin, Smith, Wender, Ayes. Stevens Abstained. Motion Carried

B. A-95 Review - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA - Commissioner Frank Smith

Commissioner Smith stated the YMCA is making great progress in converting to racquetball courts to exercise rooms.

D. Six County Employment Alliance - Commissioner Frank Smith - No Report

E. Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Smith - No Report

G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Smith - No Report

H. Northpointe - Commissioner Ann Martin - No Report

I. Pinecrest - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling- Commissioner Smith - No Report

L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Henry Wender

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Sheriff Celello explained that this institute is limited to 100 students a year and he was one of 34 students. He stated this was limited to rural sheriffs and Chief of Police. He further explained a study that is being done to see about the overcrowding of the jail. He stated this study is free.

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Controller and Park Manager to solicit quotes for a camp road for Stromberg Park. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated there is a proposal to put in more camp sites and a new road. Commissioner Smith stated the people up there are willing to do a lot of the work themselves and that will be a big savings and Terry will be talking to the forester about marking the trees and doing some select cutting. He further stated the money from the cutting will more than take care of the materials for improvement of the campground. He further stated they will supply the gravel free of charge. Commissioner Stevens stated that the money received from the cutting will be used for all the parks, not just Stromberg Park. Commissioner Martin asked if we went back to the people that brought this forward? Commissioner Stevens stated they are waiting to get an amount of money for the tree harvest and we can't answer some of the questions unless we know how much we will receive. He stated we have to get some figures before we can go forward. Commissioner Martin expressed her concern that they should be involved from the beginning. Commissioner Stevens stated there is a significant amount of money to be spent on the dam also. Commissioner Wender stated we have to get someone who is properly insured to do the work due to liability. Commissioner Martin asked will the road damage the character of a wilderness park? Commissioner Stevens did not think so.

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. To authorize the Chairman to sign Dickinson County Resolution 2011-1 authorizing the Chairman to execute MDOT Contract No. 2011-0068. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**DICKINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION
2011-1**

"Authorize Henry Wender, Board Chairman,, to execute MDOT Contract No. 2011-0068 whereby the State will provide a grant of \$60,000 which includes a local share of \$1,500 for the purchase of snow removal equipment for Ford Airport under project no. F26-0049-1510."

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to authorize the Airport Manager to attend the MAAE conference Feb. 16th and 17th in Lansing at an approximate cost to the County of \$550. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin	Aye	
Smith	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	
Degenauer Jr.	Aye	Motion Carried.

O. Fair Board - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated that all fairs will have harness racing and they will have funding.

P. Library Board - Commissioner Ann Martin

1. Library Board Meeting Minutes of 1/03/2011 - Organizational Meeting
2. Library Board Meeting Minutes of 1/03/2011 - Regular Meeting

Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Frank Smith - No Report

S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

T. Dickinson County Road Commission - Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Road Commission meeting minutes of 01/12/2011

U. **Construction Code Commission** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

V **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Ann Martin - No Report

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person):

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to Habitat for Humanity as referenced in an e-mail from Kathy Kulas dated 1/13/2011. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to make the following appointments to the Solid Waste Planning Committee:

Solid Waste Management Industry (4)

Terry Barnes, Great American Disposal
Dave Brisson, Great American Disposal
Jordan Stanchina, Central Landfill Authority

Industrial Waste Generators (1)

Jeff Maule, Environmental Health and Safety Manager, Verso

Environmental Interest Group (2)

Ann Hruska, Dickinson Conservation District
Tom Berndt, District Conservationist, NCIS

County Government (1)

Kay Pascoe, Dickinson County

City Government (1)

Darryl Wickman, Kingsford

Township Government (1)

Perry Franzoi, Breitung Township

Regional Planning Commission (1)

Joe Stevens, County Liaison to CUPPAD

General Public (3)

Bruce Ortenberger, Dickinson Area Partnership
Jeff DeRidder, Dickinson County Planning Commission
Lucy Shampo

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Pascoe stated they had to reactivate in order to amend the plan to allow the importation of waste from Niagara. She stated the law stipulates how membership is made up. She stated the DNR must approve also.

11. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to accept Committee Reports and Correspondence and Place on File. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. **Controller's Report.**

Controller Pascoe stated she will be going to Escanaba for a meeting with Mead to discuss the possible sharing of different services.

13. **Commissioners' Personal Privilege.**

Commissioner Stevens stated the impact of Marinette Marine and the employees they hire was discussed by CUPPAD.

Commissioner Smith stated the Sheriff has made great progress on overcrowding.

14. Motion by Commissioner Wender, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to Adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:10P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk